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CIA May Come Up With Some Of Money

**U.S. Cuban-cargo policy draws
split allied reaction. [Page A 3.]**

Washington, Oct. 10 (AP)—The American taxpayer apparently will have to pay a share of the bill if 1,113 prisoners taken in the abortive 1961 Cuban invasion are released.

Members of Congress who have been kept up to date on the progress of negotiations between New York attorney James B. Donovan and Prime Minister Castro indicated they expect emergency funds to be used.

There have been reports that the Central Intelligence Agency would come up with some of the money. But a Congress member in a position to know said he does not believe any final decision has been made.

Castro Asks \$62,000,000

Castro has asked for payment of \$62,000,000 for release of the prisoners. Donovan is attempting to work out an agreement for the furnishing of food and medicine to Cuba in return for release of the prisoners.

Some members of Congress said they do not believe a private organization such as the Cuban Prisoners Committee could come close to raising any such sum as \$62,000,000 or could assemble food and medicine valued at that amount.

This leads them to the assumption that Government supplies and money will be utilized to seal any barter bargain that might be made.

Meeting Postponed

Castro postponed a scheduled meeting with Donovan yesterday. Informed sources said he put off the session so he could welcome Cuban President Dorticos back from the United Nations.

Dorticos declined comment last night when asked about the prisoner situation before his departure from New York.

Lincoln White, State Department press officer, said no agreement had been reached, but negotiations were continuing.

Meanwhile, a word of caution was injected by informed Washington sources into speculation that the prisoners' release was imminent. These sources said there still were some possible barriers to an agreement.

Activities Cloaked

The Kennedy Administration has taken extraordinary precautions to cloak any of its activities connected with the negotiations. Sources report the President never has discussed the matter with congressional leaders at frequent White House sessions.

Representative Cramer (R., Fla.) has protested Donovan's negotiations with Castro. In telegrams to Kennedy, Secretary of State Rusk and Comptroller General Joseph Campbell, Cramer said use of taxpayer money to pay the ransom would be contrary to the statement of basic policy by Congress authorizing specific action to combat Castro and communism.

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